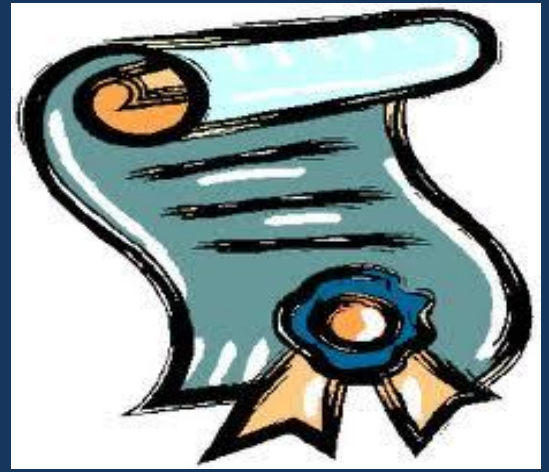


# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: March 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County as well as bills under consideration by the Maryland General Assembly that I believe may be of interest to you. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation and a link to view online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). If you would

like to submit testimony to the Howard County Delegation, please email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

## Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

\*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

### **CR17-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rosemary Brown Beakes to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR17-2012.pdf>.

### **CR18-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mickey Day to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR18-2012.pdf>.

### **CR19-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Connie M. Molter to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR19-2012.pdf>.

### **CR20-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Jo Neil to the Commission for Women.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR20-2012.pdf>.

### **CR21-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR21-2012.pdf>.

**CR22-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ligeia Shin-Zeruto to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR22-2012.pdf>.

**CR23-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stan Vornovitsky, Ph.D. to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR23-2012.pdf>.

**CR24-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lauren G. Wylie to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR24-2012.pdf>.

**CR25-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shirley Barber to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR25-2012.pdf>.

**CR26-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Franklin V. Eastham, Jr. to the Human Rights

Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR26-2012.pdf>.

**CR27-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Lynn Parlett Moore to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR27-2012.pdf>.

**CR28-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR28-2012.pdf>.

## FINANCIAL

**SAO5-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$53,402 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Corrections for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit  
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/SAO5-2012.pdf>.

## GENERAL

**CB8-2012 (ZRA 136) Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the Liparini Company**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning

Regulations to permit the MXD District regulations to reduce the minimum percentage of employment use land area which may be used in MXD-6 developments that provide age-restricted adult housing from 9% to 7%; and generally related to employment use land area in MXD.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB8-2012.pdf>.

**CB9-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT repealing the requirement that the County fire and rescue tax be based on separate districts; removing certain obsolete language; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; providing that this Act may be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be construed to apply to certain matters arising before a certain date; and generally relating to the County fire and rescue tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB9-2012.pdf>.

## **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**CR11-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nellie A. Hutt to the Public Ethics Commission

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR11-2012.pdf>.

**CR 12-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kristina Demme to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR12-2012.pdf>.

**CR 13-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ann M. Geddes to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR13-2012.pdf>.

**CR 14-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stephen M. Liggett-Creel to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR14-2012.pdf>.

**CR 15-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elizabeth Singer to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR15-2012.pdf>.

**CR 16-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ned Tillman to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR16-2012.pdf>.

## **GENERAL**

**CB7 -2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of Cynthia Lynn and David Lynn**

An ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Conditional Uses Section to

establish a new Conditional Use category that allows boutique hotels under certain conditions; and generally related to boutique hotels.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB7-2012.pdf>.

## TABLED

### **CB 57-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson based on the recommendation of the Redistricting Commission**

AN ACT repealing and reenacting Subtitle 3 “Councilmanic Districts” of Title 5 “County Council” of the Howard County Code to adopt redistricting maps and council district descriptions which will establish new council districts for Howard County in accordance with Howard County Charter Section 202(f) “Redistricting”; and generally relating to Redistricting.

*Final Action: Life Extended & Tabled 2/6/12*

*Votes: Unanimous*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB57-2011.pdf>.  
[Amendment 1](#), [Amendment 2](#), [Amendment 3](#)

### **CR 150-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. “Centralized Purchasing” of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Tabled 10/3/11*

*Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa, and Watson; Nay – Council Member Ball*

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR150-2011.pdf>.

### **CB 2-2012 (ZRA 137) Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Councilperson**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit Community Swimming Pools to

send density under the Neighborhood Preservation Program in the R-ED, R-20, and R-12 zoning districts, under certain conditions; establish a reduced rear setback of 15 feet on R-ED zoned lots that adjoin an open space lot; and generally related to Community Swimming Pools and rear setbacks.

*Final Action: Tabled 2/6/12*

*Votes: Unanimous*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB2-2012.pdf>.  
[Amendment 1](#), [Amendment 2](#), [Amendment 3](#)

### **CB 3-2012 (ZRA 135) Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Viram Patel**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Riding Academies and Stables Conditional Use category to change required setback provisions; and generally relating to Riding Academies and Stables.

*Final Action: Tabled 2/6/12*

*Votes: Unanimous*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB3-2012.pdf>.

### **CB 5-2012 (ZRA 138) Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning**

AN ACT removing a requirement that pick-your-own-enterprises located in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District have frontage on and direct access to certain types of roads, requiring that all necessary permits and licenses to be obtained from the Health Department prior to use as a pick-your-own enterprise, and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

*Final Action: Tabled 2/6/12*

*Votes: Unanimous*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB5-2012.pdf>.

## THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Monday, January 9, 2012 Monthly Meeting (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 12:30pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Legislative Public Hearing at 7:30pm
- Monday, January 23, 2012 Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 4:30pm
- Tuesday, January 24, 2012 Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 8:15am

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting [www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_WatchUs.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

## Howard County Delegation Sponsored Bills



The 2012 legislative session began January 11, 2012 and will last for 90 days, adjourning on April 9, 2012. So that our residents may stay engaged in topics impacting Howard County, I wanted to share with you some bills that may be of interest to you.

### **HB1046 (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – Golf Courses) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

*Status: House: Economic Matters; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012 1pm*

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1046.htm>

### **HB1047 (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Beer Containers) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

*Status: House: Economic Matters; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012 1pm*

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1047.htm>

### **HB1075 (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Supported Living Facility) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a



matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

*Status: House: Appropriations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1075.htm>

**HB1076 (Creation of a State Debt – Carroll Baldwin Hall) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

*Status: House: Appropriations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1076.htm>

**HB1077 (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – South Branch Park) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

*Status: House: Appropriations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1077.htm>

**HB1078 (Creation of a State Debt – Roger Carter Recreation Center) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement

purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

*Status: House: Appropriations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1078.htm>

**HB 1125 (Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

*Status: House: Ways and Means; Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1pm*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1125.htm>

**HB1175 (Howard County – Workers' Compensation – Students in Unpaid Work-Based Learning Experiences) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to waive the requirement that a participating employer reimburse the county for the cost

of certain workers' compensation insurance coverage for students placed in unpaid work-based learning experiences; and generally relating to the waiver of workers' compensation reimbursement in connection with unpaid work-based learning experiences.

*Status: House: Economic Matters; Hearing Scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 1pm*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1175.htm>

**HB1189 (Howard County – Deputy Sheriffs – Collective Bargaining) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

Authorizing the representatives of full-time deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below in the Office of the Sheriff of Howard County to bargain collectively with the Sheriff on specified issues; authorizing deputy sheriffs to take specified actions with regard to collective bargaining; providing for the procedures for certifying a labor organization as a certified labor organization for collective bargaining; etc.

*Status: House: Appropriations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1189.htm>

**HB1264 (Howard County – Massage Establishment and Taxicab Licenses – Criminal History Records Check) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for an applicant for a massage establishment license, taxicab license, or renewal of a massage establishment license or taxicab license; requiring that the department submit certain sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the applicant and the department the applicant's criminal history record information under certain circumstances; establishing that information obtained from the Central Repository under this Act is confidential, may not be disseminated, and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing a subject of a criminal history records check under this Act to contest the contents of a certain printed statement issued by the Central Repository; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt guidelines to carry out this Act; defining certain terms;

and generally relating to criminal history records checks in Howard County.

*Status: House: Judiciary; Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2012 1pm*

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/sponsors/howardcodel.htm>

**HB1350 (Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 – Howard County – Troy Regional Park)**

**Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to provide that a grant for the Troy Regional Park may not terminate before June 1, 2014, etc.

*Status: House: House Rules and Executive Nominations; No Hearing Scheduled*

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1350.htm>

**HB1046 (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – Golf Courses) Introduced by Senator James Robey and Delegates Guy Guzzone and Warren Miller**

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

*Status: Hearing Scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012*

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1046.htm>

## Maryland State General Assembly Legislation



The Maryland General Assembly is now in session and will adjourn April 9, 2012. In order for our residents to

stay engaged in topics that may affect Howard County, I have shared some bills that may be of interest to you. This section differs from the Howard County Delegation Section above as these bills are sponsored by those outside the Howard County Delegation.

**House Bill 1 (Environment - Recycling - Apartment Buildings and Condominiums) Sponsored by Delegate Stephen W. Lafferty**

Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling on or before October 1, 2013; requiring specified owners or managers, beginning on March 1, 2014, to report annually on recycling activities to the county in which the property is located; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with county recycling plans; specifying a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0001.htm>

**House Joint Resolution 2 (Reform of the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976) Sponsored by Delegate James W. Hubbard**

Expressing support for the reform of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hj0002.htm>

**House Bill 2 (Public School Buildings - Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment) Sponsored by Delegate Cheryl D. Glenn**

Requiring the construction or remodeling of public school buildings to conform to a standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment for commercial structures; and making the Act an emergency measure.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0002.htm>

**House Bill 5 (Prince George's County - Development and Ethics Reform Act of 2012) Sponsored by Delegate Barbara Frush**

Establishing a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals in Prince George's County; providing for the membership, appointment, terms, and responsibilities of the Board; transferring specified powers and responsibilities of the County Council of Prince George's County, sitting as a district council, to the Board; authorizing the Board to make specified decisions on specified zoning map amendments and special exception applications; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0005.htm>

**House Bill 21 (Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Repeal of Obsolete Language) Sponsored by Delegate Tony McConkey**

Removing obsolete language in provisions relating to reduction of lead risk in rental housing; and making conforming changes.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0021.htm>

**House Bill 32 (Department of Planning - State Development Plan - Approval by the General Assembly) Sponsored by Delegate Claggett**

Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit a State Development Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting a specified plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or revision to the Plan, together with any comments made by the Governor after enactment of a law that approves the Plan; and making the Act an emergency measure.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0032.htm>

**House Bill 36 (Department of Planning - State Development Plan - Approval or Modification by the General Assembly) Sponsored by Delegates Smigiel,**



**Cluster, Haddaway-Riccio, Krebs, McComas, Hough, and Parrott**

Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit the State Development Plan and any substantial part or revision of the Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting the Plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; authorizing the General Assembly to modify the Plan as submitted by the Secretary; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or a revision to the Plan, together with specified comments, after enactment of a law that approves or modifies the Plan; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0036.htm>

**House Bill 47 (Environment - County Plans – Authority) Sponsored by Delegates Smigiel, Cluster, Haddaway-Riccio, Hough, McComas, McDermott, Parrott, Schulz, and Vitale**

Repealing the authority of the Department of the Environment to order a person to prepare and submit specified subdivision plans under specified circumstances; repealing the Department's authority to order the installation of specified water supply or sewerage systems for subdivisions under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a specified county plan be approved by the Department; repealing a requirement that a county adopt a revision or amendment to a specified county plan; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0047.htm>

**House Bill 55 (Motor Vehicles - Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving) Sponsored by Delegate James E. Malone, Jr.**

Altering the definition of "wireless communication device" to include a hand-held or hands free telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0055.htm>

**House Bill 60 (Talbot County - Zoning Regulations - Enforcement) Sponsored by Delegate Haddaway-Riccio and Eckardt**

Authorizing the legislative body of Talbot County to provide by local law for an administrative proceeding to enforce specified zoning regulations; and allowing the local law to include specified authority to impose specified fines and penalties for zoning violations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0060.htm>

**House Bill 123 (Vehicle Laws - Wireless Communication Devices - Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving) Sponsored by Delegate Galen R. Clagett**

Repealing provisions of law that require enforcement as a secondary offense of specified prohibitions against the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0123.htm>

**House Bill 163 (Motor Vehicles- Prohibition on Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving - Exceptions) Sponsored by Delegate Sam Arora**

Establishing that the prohibition on using a text messaging device while driving does not apply to the use of voice recognition technology that allows the hands-free sending of a text message or an electronic message or the use of a text messaging device to listen to a text message or an electronic message; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/sponsors/arora.htm>

**House Bill 169 (Environment - At-Store Recycling - Plastic Carryout Bags) Sponsored by Delegate Lafferty**

Requiring the operator of specified stores to establish an at-store recycling program for plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to print or display specified language on plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to provide collection bins for the recycling of plastic carryout bags; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0169.htm>

**House Bill 173 (Maryland: Election Law - Voter Registration Agencies - Electronic Signatures) Sponsored by Delegates Ben Cardin and Ronald A. George**

Authorizing an applicant registering to vote at a voter registration agency to consent to the use of an electronic copy of the applicant's signature that is on file with the voter registration agency as the applicant's signature for the application being submitted; and requiring a voter registration agency to transmit an electronic copy of the signature of specified applicants for voter registration to the State Board within 5 days.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0173.htm>

**House Bill 190 (Environment - Noise Control) Sponsored by Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to revise specified noise standards and sound level limits under specified circumstances; repealing requirements that the Department develop a specified plan, coordinate specified programs, and keep specified records; repealing requirements for the adoption and enforcement of noise standards, sound level limits, or noise control regulations by the Department or other units; authorizing a political subdivision to enforce specified sound level limits and noise control regulations; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0190.htm>

**House Bill 258 (Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Sale or Transfer of Solar Renewable Energy Credits – Elimination of Minimum Required Term)**

**Sponsored by Delegate Haddaway-Riccio**

Eliminating the minimum required term for specified contracts involving the sale or transfer of solar energy credits.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0174.htm>

**House Bill 1125 (Howard County - Casino Events - Authorized Ho. Co. 6-12) Sponsored by Howard County Delegation**

Authorizing organizations to hold casino events that include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the county to establish the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; limiting the amount of specified money prizes; requiring a permit holder to ensure that specified standards are met; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1125.htm>

**Senate Joint Resolution 6 (Health - Prostate Cancer Screening) Sponsored by Senators Colburn, Currie, Mathias, Middleton, and Raskin**

Requesting the Congress of the United States to seek the withdrawal of the United States Preventive Services Task Force draft recommendations against prostate-specific-antigen (PSA) screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sj0006.htm>

**Senate Bill 71 (Health - General - Posthumous Use of Donor Sperm and Eggs) Sponsored by Senator Delores G. Kelley**

Prohibiting a person from using sperm or eggs from a known donor after the donor's death for the purpose of assisted reproduction without the prior consent of the donor; establishing requirements for a valid consent; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0071.htm>

**Senate Bill 126 (Department of Natural Resources - Land Preservation and Recreation Plans) Sponsored by Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)**

Establishing a minimum time frame for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; and requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0126.htm>

**Senate Bill 130 (Baltimore City - Nuisance Abatement and Local Code Enforcement - Community Associations) Sponsored by Senators Ferguson and Gladden**

Altering the definition of "community association" under specified provisions of law relating to the standing of specified community associations in Baltimore City to seek judicial relief for abatement of specified nuisances; prohibiting a community association from seeking nuisance abatement under specified conditions; altering the definition of "nuisance"; repealing a requirement that a community association must file a bond with the court before seeking abatement; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0130.htm>

**Senate Bill 164 (Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act) Sponsored by Senator Conway**

Prohibiting a plastic carryout bag manufacturer from providing, selling, or offering for sale plastic carryout bags for use or distribution in the State unless specified language is printed or displayed on the bags and the manufacturer has registered with the Department of the Environment in a specified manner; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to register every 2 years by submitting to the Department a specified registration form, fee, and plan; terminating the Act after September 30, 2020; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0164.htm>

**Senate Bill 173 (Public School Buildings - Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment) Sponsored by Senators Klausmeier, Benson, Montgomery, and Young**

Requiring the construction or remodeling of public school buildings to conform to a standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment for commercial structures.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0173.htm>

**Senate Bill 213 (Tanning Devices - Use by Minors - Prohibition) Sponsored by Senators Raskin, Robey, Forehand, Gladden, Kasemeyer, Kelley, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, Peters, Pinsky, and Stone**

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0213.htm>

**Senate Bill 236 (Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012) Sponsored by the President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Pinsky, Frosh, Madaleno, Montgomery, and Raskin**

Altering the contents of a specified element that is required in a specified plan; prohibiting the approval of a residential major subdivision if a local jurisdiction has established specified tiers unless a planning board

reviews and recommends the approval under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from approving a major residential subdivision under specified circumstances on or before a specified date; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0236.htm>

**Senate Bill 240 (Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Fees) Sponsored by the President (By Request -**

**Administration) and Senators Pinsky, Frosh,**

**Madaleno, Montgomery, Manno, and Raskin**

Increasing specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of specified wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding systems beginning on July 1, 2012; and providing for the collection of specified fees by specified billing authorities under specified circumstances.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0240.htm>

**Senate Bill 241 (Civil Marriage Protection Act)**

**Sponsored by The President (By Request –**

**Administration) and Senators Ferguson, Forehand,**

**Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell, Kelley,**

**King, Kittleman, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden,**

**Montgomery, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey,**

**Young and Zirkin**

Altering a provision of law to establish that only a marriage between two individuals who are not otherwise prohibited from marrying is valid in this State; prohibiting an official of a religious order or body authorized to perform a marriage ceremony from being required to solemnize or officiate a particular marriage or religious rite of a marriage in violation of the constitutional right to free exercise of religion; etc.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0241.htm>

**Senate Bill 252 (Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund)**

**Sponsored by Senator Jones-Rodwell**

Establishing the Baltimore City Community

Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund as a

special, nonlapsing fund for specified purposes; providing for the contents and uses of the Fund; requiring that a portion of revenues from projects and other money, as specified, be paid into the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified money from the Fund to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City in a specified manner; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to use or award money received from the Fund for specified purposes; etc.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0252.htm>

**Senate Bill 302 (Financial Institutions – Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Investigative and Enforcement Powers and Regulation of Mortgage Lenders) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Financial Regulation from exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers in connection with affiliates of specified financial institutions; repealing exemptions from the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law for a person that makes or brokers a specified number of mortgage loans in a calendar year and for subsidiaries and affiliates of specified federal and out-of-state financial institutions; etc.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0302.htm>

**Senate Bill 303 (Credit Regulation – Debt Management Services – Agreement and Prohibited Acts) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation**

Altering a notice that must be included in a debt management services agreement to clarify the right of a party to the agreement to rescind the agreement at any time; and prohibiting a licensed debt management services provider from violating any provision of specified State or federal laws.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0303.htm>

**Senate Bill 307 (State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement) Sponsored by Senator Klausmeier, et al**



Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0307.htm>

**Senate Bill 559 (Vehicle Laws - Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child)  
Sponsored by Senators Forehand, Kelley, Madaleno, Manno, and Young**

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0559.htm>

**Senate Bill 625 (Tobacco-Free Schools Act)  
Sponsored by Senators Forehand and Montgomery**

Prohibiting the use of tobacco products in school buildings, on school grounds, and inside school buses; prohibiting the use of tobacco products by specified persons at specified school-sponsored events; providing a penalty for a violation and requiring the penalty to be paid to the Cigarette Restitution Fund; authorizing a waiver of the penalty in specified circumstances; etc.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0625.htm>

I'd also like to share with you some major dates of interest relating to the General Assembly:

- March 20, 2012 (70<sup>th</sup> Day) Committee Reporting Courtesy Date. March 26, 2012 (76<sup>th</sup> Day) Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date. By these dates, where there is a sentiment to pass a bill, it should be "moving" – out of its original committee by March 20, and out of its chamber of origin by the following week. Again, not hard-and-firm deadlines, but in general this is a busy stage of the session with both chambers working long hours in committee and on

their respective floors to complete work on bills they seek to pass.

- April 9, 2012 (90<sup>th</sup> Day) Adjournment "Sine Die". The session ends at midnight Monday and any legislation not completely through the full approval process by that time is defeated. The Governor then has a period of time to consider signing/vetoing legislation and proposals that do not become law may be re-introduced at the next General Assembly session to begin the full introduction/hearing process again.

Curious about the statewide redistricting? Check out the redistricting maps and information on the plan:

<http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/>

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/redistricting/2010/congDist.shtml>

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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